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**Attachments:** [Project Objectives Revised 2-8-2013.docx](#)

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Hi Rob,

Your feedback on the project objectives is much appreciated. Our responses are provided below in blue/italic and attached is our edits to the project objectives. Do you and Jarrett have availability to discuss Monday or Tuesday next week?

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the project schedule next week.

Thanks,

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Pat/Asha,

Just wanted to let you know we are still discussing your proposed schedule here. I'm anticipating being able to provide you more guidance or get back to you with some determinations by middle of next week. In the meantime I have the following comments regarding the proposed project objectives:

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Project Objectives

Objective 1: Will you be able to demonstrate you are developing California RPS-qualified solar generation?

*The applicant has CEC pre-certifications, which demonstrate the project is California RPS-qualified solar generation; please see attached. Upon construction of the project, the applicant would receive final certifications.*

Objective 2: What is meant by the phrase "improve reliability" and how will this be demonstrated?  
*When power is generated in basin it improves reliability because it helps to provide a buffer against transmission line outages or shortages. By facilitating a local energy supply during peak demand, the project would help to reduce the potential for energy shortages and in turn improve reliability. For example, if we had more local generation during instances such as the 2011 southwest blackout, it would help reduce the impact locally. We edited this objective to provide a little more clarity and can discuss further if necessary.*

Objectives 5 and 6 are related to AB900 certification. How will the EIR disclose whether the project or alternatives meet these objectives?

*The project would meet Objective 5 by committing to offset GHG emissions and making the commitment to the Governor through providing a letter, in association with the AB 900 permit. In addition, the GHG emissions report will be prepared to the satisfaction of the Air Resources Board. As for Objective 6, this will be substantiated by a letter to the Governor's office, also in association with the AB 900 permit. Ultimately, the AB 900 certification that the project is an environment leadership project will substantiate both these objectives. Please also note that we will include a discussion of the AB 900 certification process in the EIR project description.*

Objective 7: Policy COS-6.5 (applicable to agricultural operations) does not appear to be at all related to the proposed project. I recommend removing this item from this objective. COS-14.7 is related to Goal COS-14 – Sustainable Land Development. Please explain your rationale for including this Policy. COS-18.1 includes the phrase “...located and designed to maintain the character of their setting.” And Goal COS-18 includes the phrase “...while minimizing impacts to natural resources and communities.” I believe it will be difficult to demonstrate meeting this goal and policy. Similarly, I note that Policy COS-18.3 was not included.

*Good edits. We agree that most of these are out of context for the project. We are just going to focus on Goal COS-18, which specifically pertains sustainable energy. We amended the objective appropriately and would like to discuss this further with you and Jarrett.*

Thanks,

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